



# High School Equivalency Assessments

## Comparison of Tests

	TASC Test	GED	HiSET
<b>Publisher</b>	Data Recognition Corporation   CTB	GED Testing Service/Pearson VUE	ETS/Iowa Testing Programs
<b>Price (Excluding State Admin Fee)</b>	\$52	\$120	\$50
<b>Subtest</b>	\$10.40 (per section)		\$10 (per section)
<b>Format</b>	Paper/Pencil & CBT	100% CBT	Paper/Pencil & CBT
<b>Access</b>	State Approved Testing Centers	Pearson VUE Center	State Approved Testing Centers
<b>Aligned to Standards</b>	Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) National College and Career Standards for Adult Education  Next Generation Science Standards  Social Studies National Frameworks	Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) National College and Career Standards for Adult Education	Content From Iowa Testing  Normed in 2011
<b>Retesting Policy</b>	Two Retests Per Calendar Year	2 Reduced Fee Retests	Two Retests Per Calendar Year

<p><b>Prep Materials</b></p>	<p>Online and Print Materials to Help Students Prepare for Success on the TASC Test</p> <p><b>Materials Include:</b></p> <p>Online and Print Study Guides</p> <p>Workbooks and Sample Questions</p> <p>Practice Tests, and Classroom Courses</p>	<p>New Materials</p>	<p>Current Materials</p>
<p><b>Technology</b></p>	<p>New Online Testing Engine: DRC INSIGHT™</p> <p>Improved Test Setup, Registration, and Scheduling</p> <p>Offers Maximum Control and Flexibility for TASC Test Centers</p>	<p>Camera and Signature Pad required for Pearson VUE Centers</p>	<p>Cache Proxy required for storing test delivery information and temporary storage of candidate results</p>

## Test Specific Information Reading

	<b>TASC Test Reading Subtest</b>	<b>GED Reading Subtest</b>	<b>HiSET Reading Subtest</b>
<b>Allotted Time</b>	85 Minutes	150 minutes: Section 1: 27 minutes Section 2: 45 minutes <i>Break</i> Section 3: 60 minutes	65 minutes
<b>Types of Questions</b>	<p>48 multiple choice 1 constructed response 1 – 1 point item 1 – 2 point item</p> <p>1 or 2 points items may include:</p> <p>Technology enhanced items such as drag and drop questions (computer-based format only)</p> <p>Multiple-select questions (computer-based and paper-based formats)</p> <p>Evidence-based selected-response questions (computer-based and paper-based formats)</p> <p>Two-part (multiple choice or multiple select) questions (computer-based and paper-based formats)</p>	<p>50 multiple choice questions</p> <p>Tests consist of 7 different items:</p> <p>Extended response Drag and Drop Drop-down Fill in the blank Hot spot Multiple choice Short answer</p>	40 multiple choice questions
<b>Key Concepts</b>	<p>75% Informational Texts 25% Literary Texts</p> <p>Key Ideas (45%) Craft (35%) Integration of Knowledge (10%) Vocabulary Acquisition &amp; Use (10%)</p>	<p>75% Informational Texts 25% Literary Texts</p> <p>Key Ideas (30%) Craft (30%) Integration of Knowledge (30%) Vocabulary Acquisition &amp; Use (10%)</p>	<p>40% Informational Texts 60% Literary Texts</p>

## Test Specific Information Writing

	<b>TASC Test Writing Subtest</b>	<b>GED Writing Subtest</b>	<b>HiSET Writing Subtest</b>
<b>Allotted Time</b>	110 minutes: Part 1: 65 minutes Part 2: 45 minutes essay	105 minutes: Part 1: 60 minutes Part 2: 45 minutes essay	120 minutes: Part 1: 75 minutes Part 2: 45 minutes essay
<b>Types of Questions</b>	Part 1: 47 Multiple Choice 2 – 1 point item 1 – 2 point item  Part 2: One Written Essay (Informative or Argumentative)	Part 1 contains 50 multiple choice questions.  Part 2 consists of writing an essay about a familiar subject.	Part 1: 51 Multiple Choice questions  Part 2: One Written essay (Informative or Argumentative)
<b>Key Concepts</b>	Text Types and Purposes (20%) Grammar/Usage (40%) Capitalization/Punctuation/Spelling (25%) Knowledge of Language (15%)	Organization (15%) Sentence Structure (30%) Usage (30%) Mechanics (25%)	Organization of Ideas (22%) Language Facility (43%) Writing Conventions (35%)

## Test Specific Information Math

	<b>TASC Test Math Subtest</b>	<b>GED Math Subtest</b>	<b>HiSET Math Subtest</b>
<b>Allotted Time</b>	105 minutes: Part 1: 55 minutes (calculator) Part 2: 50 minutes (non calculator)	115 minutes: Part 1: (calculator) Part 2: (non calculator)	90 minutes
<b>Types of Questions</b>	Part 1: Calculator Part 2: Non Calculator Total combined 43 multiple choice 12 Gridded response 1 – 1 point item 1 – 2 point item 1 Constructed response	Part 1: 5 questions Part 2: 41 questions (Multiple item types)	50 multiple choice questions
<b>Key Concepts</b>	Numbers/Quantity (13%) Algebra (26%) Functions (26%) Geometry (23%) Statistics/Probability (12%)	Quantitative Problem Solving (45%)  Algebraic Problem Solving (55%)	Numbers/Operations on Numbers (19%)  Measurement/Geometry (18%)  Data Analysis/Probability /Statistics (18%)  Algebraic Concepts (45%)

## Test Specific Information Science

	<b>TASC Test Science Subtest</b>	<b>GED Science Subtest</b>	<b>HiSET Science Subtest</b>
<b>Allotted Time</b>	75 minutes	90 minutes	80 minutes
<b>Types of Questions</b>	48 Multiple choice questions 1 – 1 point item 1 – 2 point item 1 Constructed response	47 Multiple choice questions (Multiple item types)	50 Multiple choice questions
<b>Key Concepts</b>	Physical Sciences (20%) Life Sciences (50%) Earth & Space Sciences (30%)	Physical Sciences (40%) Life Sciences (40%) Earth & Space Sciences (20%)	Life Science (49%) Physical Science (28%) Earth Science (23%)

## Test Specific Information Social Studies

	<b>TASC Test Social Studies Subtest</b>	<b>GED Social Studies Subtest</b>	<b>HiSET Social Studies Subtest</b>
<b>Allotted Time</b>	75 minutes	90 minutes: Section 1: 65 minutes Section 2: 25 minutes	70 minutes
<b>Types of Questions</b>	46 multiple choice 1 – 1 point item 1 – 2 point item 1 Constructed response	47 multiple choice questions (Multiple item types)	50 multiple choice questions
<b>Key Concepts</b>	US History (25%) World History (25%) Civics and Government (20%) Geography (10%) Economics (20%)	US History (20%) Civics/Government (50%) Geography/World (15%) Economics (15%)	History (35%) Civics/Government (35%) Economics (20%) Geography (10%)

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